

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## CITY OF PILOT POINT, TEXAS

102 East Main Street – Pilot Point, Texas

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### FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2010 (Volume 2, Issue 7)

#### SALES TAX FUNDS INCREASE

The local sales tax over the last two (2) months has shown a slight increase. The sales tax in May went up 19.1% from May 2009. The sales tax for June went up 6.6% from June 2009.

Thank you to those who continue to shop in Pilot Point – it makes a difference and it shows!

#### FIRE/EMS/AMBULANCE

#### FIREWORKS SAFETY

With the upcoming summer holidays, namely July 4<sup>th</sup>, fireworks are on everyone's minds. Whether you are shooting them or enjoying an organized show, please be aware of the laws and tips to make sure everyone has a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. First and foremost, it is illegal to possess, transport or shoot fireworks in the City Limits of Pilot Point. If you choose to put on your own fireworks display in a safe and legal area, please follow these simple tips:

- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you are, do not use them. (Illegal in Pilot Point city limits.)
- Always have water handy, i.e. a hose or bucket of water.
- Only use fireworks as intended. Do not try to alter or combine them.
- Never relight a "dud" firework, wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Use common sense. Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter and the shooter should wear safety glasses.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a "designated shooter."
- Only persons over the age of 12 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.

Do not use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives, they can kill you! Report illegal explosives to your local fire or police department:

#### EMERGENCY – 9 1 1

Fire (non-emergency): (940) 686-5038  
Police (non-emergency): (940) 686-2969  
Denton Co. Dispatch: (940) 686-2444

**Please be safe and have a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.**

#### PUBLIC WORKS

#### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The average household generates 20 pounds of hazardous waste each year from household cleaners and chemicals. Most homes have some old household products in their cabinets. You probably throw the containers away without giving it a second thought. They might be out of the house, but that doesn't mean they won't come back to haunt you. Chemicals found in items like weed killers, paint thinners and furniture polish can taint the water supply, pollute the environment and are hazardous to humans, fish and wildlife. Besides, many toxic substances can't be rendered harmless by ordinary disposal and sewage treatment methods.

Instead of trashing everything or pouring it down the drain (which is highly illegal by the way), store unwanted products in a safe place until the next Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

As part of Denton County Storm Water Management Program, Denton County has entered into a contract with Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD) to assist the residents in collecting and disposing of their household hazardous waste.

Residents need to **pick up a voucher** at Denton County Public Works (1505 E McKinney Street, Suite 175, Denton, TX 76209 - 940-349-3250) to **reserve a spot at one of the collection events**. The vouchers are at **NO COST** to residents and will be available on a **first come first serve basis**. **Please do not bring any HHW to Public Works because we are not able to accept the waste.**

Once you have picked up your voucher, bring the accepted items to the location below for proper disposal.

#### SUMMER EVENT – JUNE 26, 2010

#### Flower Mound Bakersfield Sports Complex

1201 Duncan Lane

Flower Mound, TX

#### Items Not Accepted:

- \* Ammunition
- \* Explosives
- \* Propane/Butane Cylinders
- \* Medical Waste
- \* Radioactive Material
- \* Tires
- \* Business Waste
- \* Electronics

#### **Common Household Hazardous Materials:**

- \* Pesticides
- \* Motor Oil
- \* Herbicides
- \* Antifreeze
- \* Paint
- \* Fertilizers
- \* Brake Fluid
- \* Gasoline
- \* Fungicide
- \* Aerosol Cans

**MAIN STREET  
YOUR SQUARE NEEDS YOU!**

Over sixty days ago I went before the City Council and proposed a festival called **Bonnie & Clyde Days**. **Bonnie & Clyde Days** was created as a vehicle to **get people working together towards the revitalization of the square**. My sense was before we can fix the bricks and mortar we had to find out if people cared about the square. I found out that they do.

Consider - We have received commitments from over sixty individuals to serve on various committees, donate services, sponsor events and support the effort and only two (2) rejections.

I have learned people want to help the square, they are just looking for a way to contribute; we have lots of ways for you to help. There are eleven different activities which can use volunteers.

Take for example our Farmers' Market. Our goal is to put together a Farmers' Market that reflects the "make do with what you have" attitude of the 30's. We are looking for people who bake, or know how to make sweet pickles from scratch, or candy apples or who enjoy quilting. Know someone who makes homemade birdhouses? We have a market for them. Authentic - that's the theme for our Farmers' Market.

Or perhaps the Bonnie & Clyde Reenactment interests you? If you were there and have old pictures when the movie was shot back in 1967, I'd love to see the pictures. Drop them off at City Hall. Who knows, maybe you could be on the judging committee for the Bonnie & Clyde look-alike contest?

If any of these topics are of interest find out more by going to: <http://www.cityofpilotpoint.org/event.php?tag=N2S0QQVTO> or contact Bruce Thomas at [bthomas@cityofpilotpoint.org](mailto:bthomas@cityofpilotpoint.org).

The square is changing. But it's not the bricks and mortar that comes first ---- It's the spirit of the town that is changing; the bricks and mortar will follow.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SAFETY TIPS**

**Be careful when using ATM Machines:**

- Use ATM's located in populated areas and be aware of your surroundings.
- Ideally, try to use an ATM during the daylight hours.
- When using an ATM at night, chose a machine in a well lighted area, which is visible to foot and vehicular traffic.
- If anyone appears to be loitering near the ATM, find another machine.

**When shopping at a Mall or Store:**

- Ideally, shop when the mall is less crowded. Avoid the weekend rush.
- Don't hang your purse or handbag from your shoulder. Keep your purse tucked under your arm, or try not to carry a purse. If possible, wear a fanny pack facing the front of your body. This will allow your hands to be free to carry or hold your child

and reduce the possibility of leaving your purse behind or having it stolen.

- Ensure your credit card is returned to you after you complete a purchase.
- Place your checkbook, cash or credit cards in your front pants pockets. Carry only one or two credit cards and a limited amount of cash with you.
- Make a list of your credit cards, thier account numbers and the phone numbers to call if a card is lost or stolen. Keep this list at home.
- Avoid carrying large, heavy packages that block your vision and make you a target.
- If necessary, make several trips to your car to deposit packages in your trunk.
- Teach your children what to do in the event you get separated from them. Do not instruct them to walk to the parking lot in an effort to find you.

**In the Parking Lot:**

- Park where there is plenty of light. This not only includes the area around your car, but from the location of your car to the mall or store entrance.
- After parking your car, familiarize yourself with the location to assist in finding it upon your return.
- Ask for a security escort if you feel unsafe.
- Keep your windows closed and the doors locked at all times.
- When walking through a parking lot, be aware of your surroundings. Walk with authority to not look like a victim.
- Use the trunk of your car to store your packages and other valuables in an area which is out of sight. Valuables would include cd's, loose change, clothing, etc...
- Have your car keys in hand and ready to open the door as you approach your car.
- Utilize only one parking space. This will insure ample parking for all store patrons and reduce the chance of your car being damaged.
- Do not park in areas designated as "No Parking". This would include, but is not limited to fire lanes, loading areas etc... This can lead to your car being ticketed or even towed.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER  
ACCUMULATION OF JUNK**

"When I go home my mother still makes me take out the garbage."

[Anthony Nomar Garciaparra](#)

Former Major League Baseball Player

The purpose of Code Enforcement is to assist city residents in improving and maintaining the neighborhoods in which they live. We need your help in achieving this goal.

Ordinance No. 443-05 Section 3: Regulation of Weeds, Rubbish, Brush, and Other Objectionable, Unightly, or Unsanitary Matter covers a large number of prohibited items:

**Brush** - shall be defined as scrub vegetation or dense undergrowth.

**Carrion** -shall be defined as the dead and decomposing flesh of any animal, fowl or fish.

**Filth** - shall be defined as any matter in a decaying state.

**Garbage** - shall be defined as decayable waste, including, but not limited to, vegetable, animal and fish offal, animal and fish carcasses.

**Junk** - shall be defined as all worn out, worthless, or discarded material, including, but not limited to, old iron or other metal, glass, building supplies and wood.

**Impure or unwholesome matter** - shall be defined as an unclean or contaminated condition, object or matter, which tends, may, or could produce injury, death, illness or disease to human beings.

**Objectionable, unsightly, or unsanitary matter** - shall be defined as any matter, condition, or object, which is or should be objectionable, unsightly, or unsanitary to a person of ordinary sensitivities.

**Refuse** - shall be defined as an accumulation of worn out, used up, broken, rejected, or worthless materials and includes, but is not limited to, garbage, rubbish, paper, or litter and other decayable or non-decayable waste.

**Rubbish** - shall be defined as trash, debris, rubble, stone, useless fragments of building materials, or other miscellaneous useless waste or rejected matter.

**Trash and debris** - shall be defined as mounds of dirt, piles of leaves, grass, and weed clippings; paper trash; useless fragments of building materials; rubble; furniture other than furniture designed for outdoor use; useless household items and appliances; items of salvage, such as metal, and wood; old barrels; old tires; objects that hold water for an extended period of time; tree and brush trimmings; and other miscellaneous wastes or rejected matter.

**Weeds** - shall be defined as vegetation that because of its height is objectionable, unsightly, or unsanitary, but excludes shrubs, bushes, and trees, cultivated flowers, and cultivated crops.

**Stagnant Water** – any standing water whether stored in an open container or allowed to stand on a property for more than 10 days. *(This definition is not in the ordinance but is taken from the life cycle of mosquitoes in Texas. See <http://www.co.jefferson.tx.us/Jcmcd/summary.htm>)*

None of these situations may:

1. Be visible from a street or alley;
2. Create or may create an unsanitary condition likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin, or disease carrying pests; or
3. Emit a noxious odor.

As you can see, there are many things, such as brush pile, which are a violation of this ordinance. The term "Accumulation of Junk" encompasses all of these. Therefore, anything that may hold water, creates a bad smell or could house unwanted /dangerous animals or insects should be removed as soon as possible.

If you are aware of a violation of this ordinance, any inoperable vehicles, parking in the yard, high grass, or if you have any question please contact City Hall at 940-686-2165 ext. 25. To view a list of the most requested city ordinances go to the web at [www.cityofpilotpoint.org](http://www.cityofpilotpoint.org) see *City Documents/Ordinances*.

#### LIBRARY

324 South Washington St.

Tuesday – Friday 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Closed on Sundays and Mondays

#### WHY SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY IS IMPORTANT

- Summer reading encourages children and their families to read for pleasure, to help children maintain and improve their

reading skills, to encourage them to become lifelong readers and library users, and to establish reading as a foundation for academic success.

- The public library is a friendly and welcoming place that provides the opportunity for residents to enjoy free library materials and productive, supervised activities during the summer.
- Voluntary reading is essential to helping students become better readers, writers and spellers.
- Summer reading loss is cumulative. Children don't "catch up" in the fall to the other children who read during the long break and are moving ahead with their skills. By 6<sup>th</sup> grade, children who lose reading skills over the summer are two years behind those classmates who continued to read over the break.

Don't let your school-aged children fall behind this summer. Visit the library often and read for pleasure. To find out about the library's summer reading programs or to learn how to get a free library card, call 940-686-5004 or visit us at [www.pilotpointlibrary.org](http://www.pilotpointlibrary.org).

#### ANIMAL CONTROL

##### DID YOU KNOW?

Fowl, rabbits, and guinea pigs must be kept indoors, or if outdoors, in a secure pen or enclosure that is at least fifty (50) feet from any inhabited dwelling other than the dwelling of the owner. Any enclosure in which a fowl, a rabbit, or guinea pig is kept must be cleaned and disinfected daily. Litter and droppings from such animals must be collected daily and properly disposed of. Provided, however, that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to ducks or other waterfowl inhabiting natural or manmade watercourses or bodies of water.

- (a) Roosters are prohibited within the City Limits of Pilot Point except for areas zoned or designated for agricultural purposes, and are declared to be nuisances under Chapter 217 of the Texas Local Government Code when located in residential districts. Chickens shall not be kept, housed, or allowed to run loose, in any manner, closer than fifty (50) feet to any human living quarters or dwelling.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep at any one location more than ten (10) fowl.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to own or keep ducks, turkeys, geese or peacocks within the corporate City Limits except in agricultural zoned districts, lakes and public park lands.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having control of any chicken, duck, goose, turkey or other domestic fowl to permit the same to run at large on any street or sidewalk or on any other property, except his or her own, in the City.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to the Animal Control Officer, please contact Lisa Rose at 940-686-2165 x 14 or [lrose@cityofpilotpoint.org](mailto:lrose@cityofpilotpoint.org).

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Wheels on Meals – Pilot Point Senior Center**

The Pilot Point Senior Center is in need of a volunteer to deliver meals on wheels on Fridays from Pilot Point to Aubrey. Food will need to be picked up from Pilot Point and delivered to Aubrey residents by 10:30 – 11:00 am. Please contact Tammy at (940) 686-2639 to find out more information or sign up to volunteer.

### **Pilot Point ISD Summer Food Program**

The Pilot Point Summer Food Program will be serving Breakfast and Lunch starting June 9<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> at Pilot Point Elementary located at 829 S. Jefferson Street. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:00 am. and lunch will be served from 12:00 to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

The Texas Department of Agriculture Summer Nutrition Program is offered statewide by local sponsors who operate sites where children up to 18 years-old can get meals at no charge. The service is open to all children, regardless of income.

### **Community Update**

Non-Profit Organizations are encouraged to list their upcoming events in our Community Newsletter. Please call Karen at **940-686-2165 ext. 19** or email [kschoonover@cityofpilotpoint.org](mailto:kschoonover@cityofpilotpoint.org) to list your upcoming events or activities or to add your email address to the distribution list to receive an email reminder.

### **e-News**

Would you like to receive this community update via mail? Subscribe now – it's quick & easy. Just go to: [www.cityofpilotpoint.org](http://www.cityofpilotpoint.org) – click on **Join e-list updates**. Individuals that are registered will receive an email with a link to the update up to two (2) weeks before you receive your water bill.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

<b>Thur.</b>	<b>June 17</b> Chamber Luncheon Lantana Resort & Marina	<b>11:30 am</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>June 19</b> Bulk Trash Pickup	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>June 24</b> Main Street Advisory Board Meeting City Hall Council Chambers	<b>12:00 noon</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>June 28</b> Planning & Zoning Meeting City Hall Council Chambers	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>June 28</b> City Council Meeting	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>June 30</b> Keep Pilot Point Beautiful Board Meeting Become a member ~ Join today – bring a friend!	<b>6:30 pm</b>

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>July 3</b> Library Closed for 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>July 3</b> Bulk Trash Pickup moved to following weekend	
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>July 5</b> City Offices Closed for 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>July 10</b> Movie on the Square - Free to public! Movie TBA (suitable for all ages) <i>Bring your lawn chairs or blanket; soft drinks and popcorn available for purchase.</i>	<b>Begins at dark</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>July 10 (Holiday Schedule Change)</b> Bulk Trash Pickup	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>July 10</b> Farmer's Market on the Square	<b>8 – 12 noon</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>July 12</b> Economic Development Corporation Meeting City Hall Council Chambers	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>July 12</b> City Council Meeting City Hall Council Chambers	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>July 22</b> Main Street Advisory Board Meeting City Hall Council Chambers	<b>12:00 noon</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>July 24 (Holiday Schedule Change)</b> Bulk Trash Pickup	<b>7:00 am</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>July 26</b> City Council Meeting City Hall Council Chambers	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>August 7</b> Bulk Trash Pickup	<b>7:00 am</b>

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